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In re application of:

MUHAMMAD CHISHTI et al.

Application No.: 09/466,353

Filed: December 17, 1999

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
INCREMENTALLY MOVING
TEETH

Examiner: Unassigned

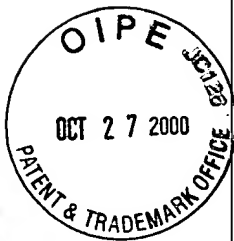
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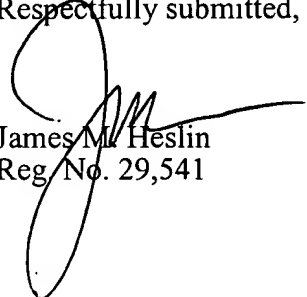
Sir:

In response to the letter dated October 2, 2000, Applicants submit the attached Supplemental Declaration of James M. Heslin in support of Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). This Supplemental Declaration clarifies that Mr. Leros was sent a copy of the application (in the form of PCT application US98/12861 having the identical text and claims to those of USSN 09/466,353) with the correspondence date June 21, 2000 (Exhibit C to the original Declaration of James M. Heslin). Thus, Applicants did provide Mr. Leros with a copy of the application.



If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: *Supplemental Declaration*

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